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## THE THEATRES

## JACKSON'S

## "A Broken Idol."

Gus Schick, general stage director of B. C. Whitney's attractions, has made an enviable reputation for himself, not only as an originator of striking stage pictures and novel chorus effects, but also from the clever stage business he has introduced in the production of descriptive song numbers. In "A Broken Idol" the laughing song play by Hal Stephens, Williams and Van Alstyne, which will have its first production here at Jackson's theatre, Christmas Day, matinee and evening. Mr. Schick is accredited with having made the greatest draught on his apparently inexhaustible supply of novel ideas that he has yet made for any single production. The song numbers which best illustrate his creative genius are: "China Doll," "It's Love That Makes the World Go Round," "Happy Days," "The Song of the Honeycomb," and "Alabama." The last named is a minstrel performance in tabloid form embracing a number of the best features of the same minstrelsy. Seats are now selling.

## The Girl of the West.

"The Girl of the West," with clever Sadie Calhoun in the title role, will be the attraction at Jackson's theatre next Monday matinee and evening at the regular scale of popular prices. "The Girl of the West" is one of the greatest melodramatic successes of the season. It's story is both interesting and consistent. It teems with thrilling situations and stirring climaxes. It is without a question one of the best western plays ever written and never fails to hold its audience spellbound while its thrillingly entertaining scenes unfold.

## Bones Thomashefsky.

The genius produced by that strange world called the Ghetto has long attracted wide attention. One of the most remarkable institutions of the large Jewish colonies of the country is the Yiddish theatre. The powerful native attractions and the fine playing of the Yiddish players has more than surprised visiting Americans who were understanding that they could not understand the language of the Yiddish theatre. The theatregoers of this city will soon have an opportunity to witness a Yiddish play given by the Edwin A. Reikin's All-Star Yiddish Company who have appeared in the best cities of America and in the finest theatres. They will produce in this city their latest success direct from its New York long run at the Thomashefsky's Peoples Theatre, New York City. The play is "The Last Paradise" written by the well known Yiddish playwright Mr. Leon Kobrin. This company is headed by the well known Yiddish star and player Mr. Bones Thomashefsky and is supported by his company direct from his New York theatre. They will appear in this city at Jackson's theatre next Tuesday evening for a single performance.

## FRATERNAL NEWS

At a well attended meeting of Monitor Lodge, I. O. O. F., held last evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Noble Grand, William Berger; Vice-Grand, Alfred Sundstrom; recording secretary, Eric Lindskog; financial secretary, A. P. Johnson; treasurer, Alexander Bergman; and trustee, Lars Swanson. On Wednesday evening the lodge will give its annual Christmas entertainment to the wives and children of the members at the lodge hall.

Officers of Ida lodge, N. E. O. P., were elected last evening for the following year, the installation to take place during January. They are: Warden P. Donnelly; vice warden, Mrs. Matthew Quinn; recording secretary, J. J. Kelly; financial secretary, John F. Carey; treasurer, J. L. Christie; guide, Miss Jennie V. Lynch; musician, Miss Jennie M. Callahan; sentinel, Frank Way; guardian, Henry Meyer; trustees, Charles O. Smith; representatives to the grand lodge to be held in Bridgeport on April 3, F. Donnelly, John F. Carey, Mrs. Charles T. Clardy, Mrs. Mary Schmidt; alternates J. J. Kelly, Charles O. Smith, Edward Egan, Jr., Michael Nolan.

## THREE SUDDEN DEATHS

OCCURRED IN LITCHFIELD.  
Litchfield, Dec. 22.—There were three sudden deaths in this place yesterday, all due to heart disease. Miss Jennie A. Belton of Brooklyn, matron of the Spring Hill Sanatorium, succumbed first. Mrs. Anna Underhill, daughter of John P. White of New York, and a cousin of Mrs. J. A. Vanderpool of New York, was another victim, and Mrs. Kate Bishop Prentice, who was visiting her father, Charles B. Bishop, was the third. Mrs. Prentice is survived by her father and a brother, Charles B. Jr., of New York.

## VALUABLE RINGS STOLEN.

Tessie Spinoia had two diamond rings, \$47 and some clothes stolen from her room, yesterday afternoon. She lives at 213 Main street. It is believed the rings are in a pawn shop. They were worth \$225.

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New Haven, Dec. 22.—General Manager Samuel Higgins of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad has returned to his desk at the cream colored building, ready to take up afresh the duties of his office which have multiplied rapidly in consequence of the labor agitations since he left the city for Paris, some three weeks ago. Mr. Higgins reported a delightful trip. His friends reported that his speedy return was a part of his itinerary and that the labor troubles had nothing to do with his coming back.

## STRATFORD

Every one concerned is delighted with the success attending the surprise given on Tuesday evening, at Red Men's hall, to Miss Lettie B. Bennett, who has been the head of the High school for the last ten years. The beautiful loving cup presented to Miss Bennett came from Fairchild and stands over a foot in height. In presenting it Mr. Garry said that the pupils wished in this manner to show their appreciation of Miss Bennett's long and faithful services as principal and instructor in the high school. John Park is home from a business trip which has taken him into a number of states.

Miss Frances Russell went to New York on Tuesday to meet her brother, Robert, who was injured in the late railroad accident in North Carolina. He is in a hospital and is doing well. The heating apparatus of the Neighborhood church having been put in order, the school has resumed its sessions, and before long Mr. and Mrs. Bullock will be able to give their illustrated lecture on Robert Fulton and the Clermont.

Next Sunday evening, at the Neighborhood church, Jerome May's orchestra will take part in the Christmas concert. Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Wood will spend Christmas in Flatbush.

There is to be a family gathering on Patterson avenue, on Saturday, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Patterson.

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. E. N. Packard have for guests over the holidays, Dr. and Mrs. Cooper of Syracuse.

Dorothy Beardsley has come home from Troy, to spend Christmas and New Year's.

Every little while a paragraph pops up about the proposed Hollister Heights school. There is really nothing new in the proposed school, but it is being taken up again, and it is being taken up again, and it is being taken up again.

St. Rose's Drum Corps are making special arrangements for the social and dance to be given at St. Mary's Hall, Sandy Hook, on New Year's eve. The committee M. J. Keating, M. L. Keane, P. C. Bradley, J. J. Carmody, F. P. Kilbride, John F. Carey.

The High School Alumni Association will hold their annual business meeting at the home of W. H. Stevens, on Thursday, December 23, at 8 p. m. All are requested to bring their dues and all graduates of the High school are expected to be present.

Mrs. J. L. Gilbert is very ill with bronchial asthma.

Herbert A. Parsons of Rensselaer, N. Y., has been the guest of his sister, Mrs. W. H. Stevens.

Mrs. William Egan has visited friends in the Park City.

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